

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 5 through 8, 12, and 13 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image bearing member bearing an image thereon; and
a transfer member contacting with said image bearing member in a contact portion,
portion;
wherein the image on said image bearing member is transferred to a transfer
medium in said contact portion by said transfer member, a Young's modulus of said image
bearing member is equal to or greater than 2×10^8 [N/m²] and equal to or less than 9×10^9
[N/m²], [[[Nm²],]] and a contact pressure between said image bearing member and said
transfer member in the [[said]] contact portion is equal to or greater than 4.0×10^4 [N/m²]
and equal to or less than 7.3×10^4 [N/m²].
2. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said
image bearing member is a belt.
3. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said belt
is a single layer.

4. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said image forming apparatus includes an opposing member opposed to said transfer member with said belt interposed therebetween, and

wherein said opposing member supports said belt.

5. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said image bearing member is an intermediate transferring member, and wherein said transfer medium is a transfer material.

6. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a surface resistivity of said image bearing member is equal to or greater than $1 \times 10^8 \frac{\Omega}{\square}$ [[[Ω]]] and equal to or less than $1 \times 10^{15} \frac{\Omega}{\square}$. [[[Ω]].]]

7. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said image bearing member is a photosensitive member, and wherein said transfer medium is an intermediate transferring member or a transfer material.

8. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image bearing member bearing an image thereon; and
a transfer member contacting with said image bearing portion in a contact portion,
portion;

wherein the image on said image bearing member is transferred to a transfer material in said contact portion by said transfer member, a surface resistivity of said image bearing member is equal to or greater than $1 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}^2$ $[[[\Omega]]]$ and equal to or less than $1 \times 10^{15} \text{ } \Omega/\square$, $[[[\Omega],]]$ and a contact pressure between said image bearing member and said transfer member in the $[[\text{said}]]$ contact portion is equal to or greater than $4.0 \times 10^4 [\Omega]$ and equal to or less than $7.3 \times 10^4 [\text{N/m}^2]$.

9. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said image bearing member is a belt.

10. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said belt is a single layer.

11. **(Original)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said image forming apparatus includes an opposing member opposed to said transfer member with said belt interposed therebetween, and

wherein said opposing member supports said belt.

12. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein said image bearing member is an intermediate transferring member, and wherein said transfer medium is a transfer material.

13. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 8,
wherein said image bearing member is a photosensitive member, and
wherein said transfer medium is an intermediate transferring member or a transfer
material.